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SUBJ: W/W: ARREST & DETENTION: CONSULAR VISIT TO  
LOS REYES PENITENTIARY FOR WOMEN

1. TWO CONSULAR OFFICERS VISITED LOS REYES ON OCTOBER  
23 AND INTERVIEWED 29 OF THE 41 AMERICAN WOMEN DETAINED  
THERE. THE REMAINING 12 WOMEN CHOSE NOT TO SEE A CON-  
SULAR OFFICER.

2. MOST OF THE COMPLAINTS HEARD BY THE OFFICERS WERE  
DIRECTED AT THE QUALITY OF THE MEDICAL AND DENTAL FACILITIES  
IN THE PRISON SYSTEM. THE MATTER HAS BEEN DISCUSSED WITH  
THE PRISON DIRECTRESS, LIC. HILDA MARTA IBARRA, AND THE  
EMBASSY WAS INFORMED THAT NO PRIVATE PHYSICIANS OR DENTISTS  
WILL BE ALLOWED TO PRACTICE WITHIN THE PRISON.

3. PREDICTABLY, MANY OF THE COMPLAINTS CENTERED AROUND  
THE VOLUNTARY, WEEKLY CONJUGAL VISITS ALLOWED BETWEEN  
INMATES AND THEIR SPOUSES OR FIANCES. THE WOMEN CLAIM  
THAT THE INTRA-UTERINE DEVICES OFFERED BY THE PRISON  
ADMINISTRATION ARE NOT SUITABLE TO THE AMERICAN FEMALE  
ANATOMY, AND THAT THE BIRTH CONTROL PILLS AVAILABLE ARE  
NOT THE TYPE OR BRAND PREFERRED OR PREVIOUSLY USED BY THEM.

4. THE DIRECTRESS INFORMED THE VISITING OFFICERS THAT  
IT HAS BEEN HER POLICY TO ALLOW CONJUGAL VISITS FOR THE  
AMERICAN INMATES AS LIBERALLY AS HER AUTHORITY WILL ALLOW  
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BUT SHE HAS INSISTED ON BIRTH CONTROL AND HYGIENIC SAFE-

GUARDS, AND HAS REFUSED TO ADMIT RELATIONS OR UNIONS BETWEEN THE AMERICAN INMATES AND LOCAL MEN BECAUSE SHE "IS NOT TURNING THE PRISON INTO A BROTHEL, AND DOES NOT INTEND TO BE ACCUSED OF DOING SO".

5. NO SERIOUS ILLNESSES WERE ENCOUNTERED, AND NO INSTANCES OF PHYSICAL ABUSE OR MISTREATMENT WERE REPORTED. ALL COMPLAINTS BELIEVED TO WARRANT INVESTIGATION AND POSSIBLE CORRECTIVE ACTION ARE BEING REFERRED TO THE APPROPRIATE MEXICAN AUTHORITIES.

6. ALTHOUGH FEW DEMONSTRATED A HOSTILE ATTITUDE, THE VAST MAJORITY STILL CONTINUE TO EXPRESS THEIR BELIEF THAT THE US. EMBASSY AND THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR RECEIVING SEVERE SENTENCES.  
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